

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Shrimp Season Changes
State Outside Waters
Zones 2 and 3

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 of the Administrative Procedure Act which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set shrimp seasons, and R.S. 56:6.1 which provides the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with authority to declare a closed season on any and all species of fish found or existing in the waters of the state, and R.S. 56:497 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall have the authority to open or close outside waters by zone each year as it deems appropriate upon inspection of and based upon technical and biological data which indicates that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest; and a resolution adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on May 6, 2010 which authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay the opening of, or close, the 2010 spring inshore shrimp season if biological and technical data indicate the presence of significant numbers of small, unmarketable size brown shrimp; and to close any portion of Louisiana's inside waters to protect small white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, or enforcement problems develop; and further granted the Secretary the authority to open any area, or re-open any previously closed area, of inside waters based upon biological and technical data, the secretary hereby declares:

The shrimp season in that portion of state outside waters seaward of the inside/outside shrimp line as described in LA R.S. 56:495 from the eastern shore of Quatre Bayou Pass at 89 degrees 50 minutes 32.5 seconds west longitude westward to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal at longitude 92 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds west longitude shall close effective sunset May 8, 2010. State outside waters west of Freshwater Bayou Canal shall remain open to shrimping until further notice.

The spring inshore shrimp season is delayed until further notice in Shrimp Management Zone 2 extending from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island.

The spring inshore shrimp season in Shrimp Management Zone 3, extending from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana/Texas state line shall open at sunset on May 8, 2010.

Robert J. Barham
Secretary